(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) Viewing of wildlife as well as other related, infrastructure for facilitating tourists visiting Tiger Reserves are fostered, under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger through funding support to States. Action has been taken for evolving ecotourism guidelines so that benefits of tourism can be shared with local people.

Wildlife Protection Act, 1972

1254. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to overhaul the 'Wildlife Protection Act, 1972';

(b) if so, whether it would ensure that adequate funds are allocated for relocating the villagers, their cattle-stock and earmarking land for agricultural operations while sanctioning opening of new wildlife parks or tiger reserves;

(c) whether such relocation work has been completed in the existing National wild-life parks and tiger reserves; and

(d) if not, the time frame when this would be completed?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Wildlife (Protection) Act enacted in the year 1972 has been amended from time to time, the latest being in the year 2006. The amendments in the Act are resorted to as per the exigency, and requirements of the matter. There is no plan to overhaul the "Wildlife protection Act, 1972."

(b) Under the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act 1972, there is no earmarking of funds for relocation of the villagers. However, financial assistance is provided to the State Governments under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes, *viz.*, 'Assistance to Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant' for relocation of villagers.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The process of completion of relocation work is carried out only after due consent of the people, which is a long drawn process. Therefore, no specific time frame can be assigned for its completion.

Climatic changes in South Asia

†1255. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has apprised in its recent report that there is a possibility of economic upheaval, increase in social and environmental

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.